

Maples On Guard As Railsplitters Ready For Game

Trying for its third straight win, Birmingham invades Ferndale Friday night with the kick-off set for 8 p. m. The Railsplitters promise tough competition for the Maples. They defeated Berkley 14-7 in their first game, but a strong Grose Pointe team sent them down to defeat 20-3 last week. Two co-captains, Norman Prew, a hard-running fullback, and Skip Sheeren, a skilled passing right half, will lead the Ferndale eleven against the Maples. Ferndale's passing attack is their foremost weapon. It has been very effective against earlier opponents. Using an offense that

consists of an unbalanced T shifting into the single wing, Ferndale uses double reversals and tricky plays. ALTHOUGH the line has not lived up to expectations, they could explode at any minute. Two big tacklers, Stotts Beeser and William Hocking, both weighing over 200 pounds, give Ferndale plenty of size in the line. Beaten three times in a row by the Maples, and this game being their first league contest, the Railsplitters will probably have a good deal of spirit and determination. Coach Vincent Beccotina says, "Although Ferndale's offense has not clicked up to date, the club has potential ability. If it's going to click at all it will be Friday night because the spirit will certainly be there."

Waits 26 Years For Hole-in-One

Edward B. Thompson, of 1800 Pine, Birmingham, scored a hole in one Saturday after 26 years of golf. Thompson, eastern region sales manager of Parker Rust Proof Co., was playing in the company tournament, at Lenawee Country Club, Adrian, when he made his ace on the 210-yard 6th hole. He used a four iron for his perfect shot. Thompson made a clean sweep of the honors by winning the tournament with low gross and low net for the day.

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No Survey Need For Police Dept. Commission Says

Birmingham city commissioners decided Monday night that they were satisfied with the operation of the police department, at least for the time being. Commissioners agreed to forget any survey of the department by outside agencies. The commission had requested a report from City Manager Donald C. Eckert concerning the possibility of a survey taken by either the International Association of Chiefs of Police or the Institute of Public Administration.

A similar survey was taken in the city in 1947 and the report submitted to the city the following year. POLICE CHIEF Ralph W. Moxley recommended that a second review of the department be made due to the increase in population since 1947.

Commissioner Lance C. Minor suggested that a citizens' committee of three local people be named to report on the department's activities. The city could then decide, from the results of this study, whether an extensive survey should be made. Commissioner Frank Bizz commented that such a committee might cause the department and the city a good many headaches.

WHEN QUESTIONED on what he thought of the present department's operation, Moxley stated that in his opinion the department was functioning effectively, but added that there always is room for improvement. Rising so-called the commissioners' thoughts on the matter when he said that "I don't think we should give the impression that we want a revamping of the department for it seems to be working well enough."

Drain Levy Continued

The 1/2 mill tax levy for city-wide large share of the county drains was continued on the 1952 winter tax rolls by city commissioners Monday night. City Manager Donald C. Eckert recommended that the levy, first applied in 1950, be continued and to have funds available for future drain assessments.

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Bloomfield Village School Has Need for 2 More Classrooms

This is the ninth in a series of articles presented by the Birmingham board of education, in co-operation with The Economic, regarding the proposed \$3,000,000 bond issue in November with which to expand the school facilities to meet the unprecedented growth of the school district. In all, the money is to be used to build two new elementary schools, purchase five school sites, and make additions to six present grade schools. These articles have been prepared by Supt. Dwight B. Ireland, at the request and on behalf of the board of education.

Although the building facilities of Bloomfield Village school are satisfactory for continued use, there are major changes and additions to be considered if the plan is to adequately house the children of this area. Facilities must be provided for six regular classrooms and a kindergarten. There should also be a multipurpose room, adequate office facilities, a library, a teachers' rest room, conference rooms, and a health clinic.

Six grade classrooms will accommodate 180 pupils and the kindergarten can serve 50 pupils on the present half-day program. The present grade enrollment in September 1952 is 162 pupils and there are 27 pupils in kindergarten. One could scarcely claim that six classrooms and a kindergarten exceed the current need by an appreciable amount. It only allows for an expansion of 18 pupils in Grades I to VI. Since most of the grades have the same enrollment, this construction would seem adequate.

A multipurpose room is badly needed for assemblies, play and other types of school work, physical education, lunch room, parent-teacher programs and other group situations. Such a place of assembly is considered an indispensable part of a modern school plant.

ADJACENT TO this room should be kitchen facilities, and there should be wall tables and benches which can be lowered and raised in service for a lunch program as needed. Although five of the present classrooms have a capacity of 30 pupils, the remaining three classrooms are too small for classes in excess of 20 pupils and should be used for other purposes such as clinic and health rooms and office facilities.

Two large classrooms should be added. This would provide six adequate classrooms and a kindergarten. The office should provide space for an outer office large enough to furnish a waiting room and space for mimeographing and other types of office work. The principal should have an office which would serve as a conference room separate from the general office.

THE HEALTH ROOM should serve as a first aid room and provide facilities for children who become ill at school. The library should be large enough to serve a full class of 50 pupils so teachers can take their classes into the library and develop in them an appreciation of the services rendered by a good library. Conference rooms are necessary and should be provided in the recent school survey by Dr. T. C. Holy and his staff. A COMMITTEE of parents has expressed the opinion that two additional classrooms should be provided in addition to the above recommendations. The board of education is quite aware of the fact that all of its recommendations are conservative and are based upon present drastic needs rather than predicted enrollments. The reason for this is clear. The

Center (Continued from Page One) school officials view with distaste any proposed commercial development across from the new high school. Birmingham city commissioners also are concerned with the ultimate development of this adjoining portion of Bloomfield township.

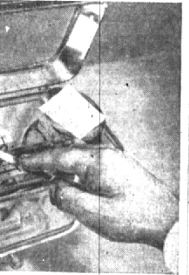
City Okays Share-Cost Plan for Installation of Two Traffic Signals Birmingham city commissioners have approved the share-the-cost installation of a traffic signal at West Maple and Cranbrook and a flashing beacon at Southfield and 14 Mile. Cost of the Maple-Cranbrook light, estimated at \$775, would be shared equally by the city, Oakland county and Bloomfield township. City Manager Donald Eckert pointed out that increased traffic in the area of the New high school shows a strong need for better traffic control. The Southfield-14 Mile light, estimated at \$225, with a monthly operational cost of approximately \$2.50, would be shared with Oakland county and Southfield township, Eckert said.

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ively by the many private wells drilled in the past several years in the eastern portion of the township. Sewage disposal and its possible effects or demands on the Birmingham plant also are of concern to city commissioners. WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Rollie Reeser, co-chairman of the 1952 Halloween committee: "Things are going along well, but we do have one request. It will help our planning a great deal if merchants will get their donations in to the committee as quickly as possible. We like to pay our bills as we go along and at present there are several from whom we have not heard."

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